

the Michigan House of Representatives in 1964 and both became active in my campaign. Herm has been an integral part of my life since that time. He quickly became my number one volunteer and the "go to guy" to get any job done. I have fond memories of Herm and his wife Hazel helping out not only with campaign work but daily tasks and babysitting my children. I still have the letter Neil wrote to me in 1969 asking that I make Herm the campaign manager. It is a decision I have never regretted.

In 1976 when I was elected to Congress, the first person I hired to be on my staff was Herm and he ran my district office for 7 years. He loved politics and government and he was

loyal and inspired loyalty in others. He helped me lay the framework for my district office, a framework that has functioned successfully for more than 30 years.

As a member of VFW Post 4139, Herm helped construct the building. He loved working with his hands and built 3 homes over the years. He traveled to Arizona in the winter and made 7 trips to Germany to visit relatives. Neil, and his daughter-in-law, Carol, were able to accompany him on 2 of his trips.

Left to treasure his memory are Neil and Carol, his daughter Kelly, special friend Shirley Wager, many relatives and friends. Herm was deeply devoted to his family and loved to spend time with his grandsons, Nick and

Dustin Stevens, and his great-granddaughter, Asia.

Madam Speaker, it is a profound honor for me to ask the House of Representatives to join me in a moment of silence to remember the life of Herman Neurohr. He changed the way I viewed the world and I often remember his advice when I am contemplating a problem today. His wisdom was pragmatic, direct and grounded in common sense and I always welcomed his input. Even after he retired, I would talk to him about critical issues. Even though I am saddened by his passing, my memories of Herm warm my heart and I will cherish the time we spent together.